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President shares King's desire for early consultation on many matters (reurtel 336) and suggests state visit beginning in Washington January 23. You are requested see King and advisors at earliest possible moment to discuss plans presenting, in particular, following points.

1) State visits to US usually consist of official portion including three days in Washington (January 23, 24, 25), followed by short visit not to exceed one week to points of interest in US at King's discretion. Official portion at USG expense. King may, of course, extend visit in U.S. beyond official portion at expense SAG under arrangement worked out between Saudi Embassy and Department. Agreement should be reached well in advance arrival as to number days total stay will cover in addition three days in Washington and by SAG arrangement. Transportation to US and return at SAG expense. Since considerable number of state visits anticipated first half 1957 hope King will be able meet January dates.

2) We would hope to have as soon as possible King's wishes re places he would like to visit outside Washington and his wishes concerning officials and prominent persons he would like to see.

3) Official members of the party should not exceed ten. We should appreciate

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appreciate names these ten and early advice on any in excess this number who may accompany party at SAG expense. FYI - We are presuming no wives will accompany. End FYI.

4) Appears King might prefer to come US via flight to Italy, then ship to New York. Confirmation this would be helpful.

View of relatively short time for programming will need King's responses urgently.

FYI - Because of delicate situation in area and need for continued contact Saudi government in King's absence do not comtemplate requesting your return. End FYI.

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